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## **ORANGE COUNTY MAN WHO “WEB-CAST” EXPLICIT IMAGES OF A PRE-SCHOOL-AGED RELATIVE INDICTED FOR CHILD PORNOGRAPHY**

SANTA ANA, Calif. – An Orange County man who engaged in sex acts with a then four-year-old relative and web-cast the images over the Internet to computer users in Texas and Indiana has been indicted by a federal grand jury on charges of producing and possessing child pornography.



Jed Philip Larson, Sr., 44, faces up to 40 years in prison if convicted of the charges contained in the two-count indictment handed down today. Larson was arrested by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), Orange County Sheriff's Department (OCSD), and Orange County Sexual Assault Felony Enforcement (SAFE) Team investigators at his home in La Habra, California September 9.

The suspicions surrounding Larson arose after Sacramento ICE and SAFE investigators in separate investigations learned that he had sent sexually explicit computer images of the young girl to two men, one in Texas and one in Indiana. Wesley Whitcomb, the Texas suspect whose screen names included “speak no evil, see no evil,” is currently serving a 30-year sentence on child pornography charges. Larson also allegedly traveled to Texas on several occasions and had sexual contact with an underage relative of Whitcomb's.

According to the court documents, under questioning by ICE agents, Larson acknowledged that in July 2003 he engaged in simulated sex acts with a nude pre-school age relative and web-cast those images to Whitcomb, whom he initially met in an Internet chat room.

“This is sexual predation at its most despicable,” said Kumar Kibble, assistant special agent-in-charge of ICE investigations in Orange County. “That someone would sexually exploit their own relatives and treat them as a commodity to be shared with others is heartbreaking.”

In addition to the federal charges, OCSD investigators are pursuing child molestation charges against Larson. Assistant Sheriff Bishop stated that their case has been presented to the Orange County District Attorney's Office for review.

Given the nature of Larson's activities, federal and local investigators want to ensure that there are no additional victims. Anyone who may have more information related to this case is urged to contact ICE's office of investigations in Orange County at (714) 972-4100 or the Orange County Sheriff's Department at (714) 647-7418.

Larson's arrest is part of Operation Predator, an ongoing ICE enforcement initiative to identify, investigate, arrest and, in the case of foreign nationals, deport child sex predators. Since the initiative began in July 2003, ICE agents have arrested more than 6,200 individuals nationwide, including more than 1,600 in California.

ICE encourages the reporting of suspected child predators and any suspicious activity through its toll-free hotline at 1-866-DHS-2ICE. This hotline is staffed around the clock by investigators. Suspected child sexual exploitation or missing children may be reported to the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children, an Operation Predator partner, at 1-800-843-5678 or <http://www.cybertipline.com>.

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